GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli (M), Visakhapatnam District - Disciplinary proceedings under rule 20 r/w Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Article of charges issued - Inquiry officer appointed - Inquiry report submitted - communicated - further explanation submitted - penalty of 'Censure' imposed - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.700 **Dated:02.11.2021**

Read the following:-

1. CCLAs Ref.No.VS.II(1)/503/2017, Dated:23.07.2017.
2. G.O.Ms.No.467, Revenue (Vig.III.2) Dept, Dt:20.10.2017.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1062, Revenue (Vig.III.2) Dept, Dt:20.10.2017.
4. Written Statement of Defense dated:Nil.12.2017 of Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli (M), Visakhapatnam District.
5. G.O.Rt.No.580, Revenue (Vig.III.2) Dept, Dt:02.05.2018.
6. Memo.No.18023/24/2017/Vig.III-REV, DT:02.05.2018.
7. From the Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam, Lr.Rc. No.1020/2017/A1, Dt:18.02.2019 received on 24.06.2021.
8. Govt.Memo.No.18023/24/2017-Vig.III(2), Dated:26.07.2021.
9. Explanation dated:11.08.2021 of Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli (M), Visakhapatnam District.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it was brought to the notice of the Government that certain irregularities are taken place in Nellipudi Village of Nakkapalli Mandal, by the then Tahsildar of Nakkapalli Mandal and other staff members by making irregular entries by noting 72 ineligible personas in web land of Nellipudi Village of Nakkapalli for the Govt. land in Sy.No.88 & 39 as D-Form Patta holders without granting of any assignments/D-Pattas for the said Government land and also inserting of irregular unauthorized entries in 1-B register/PPBs of Nellipudi Village though no D-Pattas were granted to them. Therefore, it is recommended to initiate disciplinary action against (1) Sri P.Sundara Rao, Formerly Tahsildar, Nakkapalli, (Retired from Service on 31.8.2016) (2) Smt R.V.S.L.Narsamma, Formerly Hq.Dy. Tahsildar O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli, (3) Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli and (4) Sri Vengada Sadanandarao, Formerly VRO, Nellipudi, Nakkapalli Mandal, Visakhapatnam.

2. Government after careful examination of the matter, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri P.Sundara Rao, Tahsildar (Retd) and the above 3 delinquent officers, vide ref 2nd read above. Accordingly, the following article of Charges has been issued against Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli (M), Visakhapatnam District.

CHARGE No.1:-

That, Sri K.Ashok Kumar, while working as Revenue Inspector O/oTahsildar, Nakkapalli has failed to report to the higher authorities, regarding noting 72 ineligible personas in web land of Nellipudi Village of Nakkapalli Mandal as D-Form Patta holders for the Govt. land in Sl.N0.88 & 39 without granting of any assignments/D-Pattas for the said Government land and some irregular unauthorized entries in 1-B register of Nellipudi Village for the Government lands as D-Form Patta. Thus, Sri K.Ashok Kumar, has failed to discharge his primary duty of verifying webland and act in a discourteous manner and violated the A.P. Conduct Rules, 1964.

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CHARGE No.2:-

That, Sri K.Ashok Kumar, while working as Revenue Inspector O/oTahsildar, Nakkapalli, allegations on irregular entries of Government land as D-Patta in Webland was enlighten by the News papers and by the Hon'ble MLA. But RI being the custodies of Govt. lands, never reported the irregularities to the higher authorities and simply kept quite on the said issue wontedly. Due to his act, which leads to sanction of agricultural loans to the ineligible persons (Under the guise of D-Pats Lands) from the nationalized banks and thereby misuse of public money through Banks Thus, Sri K.Ashok Kumar, Revenue Inspector being a responsible Revenue official, has failed to discharge his primary duty in protecting the Government land and act in a discourteous manner and violated the A.P. Conduct Rules, 1964.

3. And whereas, in the reference 4th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defense denying the charges. After examining the written statement of defense of the Charged Officers, Govt have appointed the District Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam as enquiry officer and Revenue Divisional officer, Visakhapatnam as presenting officer vide reference 5th & 6th read above respectively to enquiry into the charges.

4. And whereas in the reference 7th read above, the District Collector, Visakhapatnam has submitted the enquiry report of the District Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam. In the said report, the Inquiry Authority has held that Sri P.Sundara Rao, former Tahsildar in his written statement has stated that, the 1B Register is in the custody of MRI and never been in his custody during his tenure. Revenue Inspector being the custodian of Govt. lands, never reported the irregularities to the higher authorities and simply kept quite on the said issue wontedly. Hence, the Charges are held proved against the Charged Officer Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli (M), Visakhapatnam District.

5. After examining the report of the Inquiry Authority, Govt have accepted the findings of the Inquiry officer. Accordingly, a copy of the enquiry report has been communicated to all the COs including the Charged Officer Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli (M), Visakhapatnam District under rule 21 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer, to the Government for taking further necessary action in the matter, vide the reference 8th read above. In the reference 9th read above, the CO has submitted his explanation stating that using of digital key is the primarily responsibility of Tahsildar and the Inquiry Officer also confirmed the responsibility of keeping I-B records with the personal custody of the Tahsildar as per the instructions of the Government. Thus it is clear that himself is not responsible in holding if any records come to his scrutiny through VRO for some time and not tantamount it is to be said that he is the custodian of records. As a matter of fact he has also not seen those applications for entering in web land and these applications have not bears his recommendations or for entering the details for computerization. He has also not entered any entry in any pass book or in I-B Records in respect of the allegations outbreak. He did not committed any mistake and the entire episode is done without his knowledge. Finally he has requested to drop further action against him.

6. Government ,after careful examination of the findings of the inquiry officer and further explanation of the charged officer, it is decided to impose a penalty of 'Censure' against Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli (M), Visakhapatnam District, by taken a lenient view. Accordingly, hereby order to impose a penalty of 'Censure' against Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli (M), Visakhapatnam District, under Rule 9 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada/ the Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. USHARANI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam.
Sri K. Ashok Kumar, formerly Revenue Inspector O/o.Tahsildar, Nakkapalli (M), Visakhapatnam District (through the Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam)
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER